Hostel facilities for working women

157. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of development of hostel facilities for working women in the country;

(b) whether Government has sanctioned only five hostels during the last two years, as against the target of forty new hostels per year;

(c) if so, the action plan of Government to speed up construction of such hostels at a faster rate, to meet the increasing requirement of working women in the country; and

(d) the details of its status in Orissa and the action plan of Government to provide additional hostels in this backward region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) State-wise distribution of Working Women's Hostels sanctioned in the country as on 31.3.2007 is shown in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) 5 new hostels were sanctioned in the last two years.

(c) The Scheme of Working Women's Hostel is being revamped. An important feature of the revamping is to make State Governments responsible for estimation of demand for the hostels in various places in the State and recommending viable proposals for places where definite demand is revealed.

(d) 29 hostels have been sanctioned in Orissa till 31.3.2007. Provision for additional hostel will be made on the basis of future demand from the State Government.

Statement

Distribution of working women's hostels sanctioned in the country as on 31.3.2007

Sl. No.	State/U.T.	No. of Hostels	No. of Working Women	No. of DCC	No. of Children
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	48	3182	13	330
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	10	441	2	45
3.	Assam	14	799	5	79
4.	Bihar	6	266	3	75
5.	Chhattisgarh	9	426	2	30
6.	Goa	2	120	0	0
7.	Gujarat	26	1218	6	180
8.	Haryana	20	1561	9	265
9.	Himachal Pradesh	13	477	0	0
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	5	360	2	35

1	2	3	4	5	6
11.	Jharkhand	2	214	1	30
12.	Karnataka	48	4457	18	470
13.	Kerala	146	13295	83	2301
14.	Madhya Pradesh	62	3438	12	371
15.	Maharashtra	132	9652	47	1140
16.	Manipur	14	687	8	225
17.	Meghalaya	3	214	1	15
18.	Mizoram	4	149	0	0
19.	Nagaland	14	771	2	35
20.	Orissa	29	1825	8	140
21.	Punjab	14	1417	4	110
22.	Rajasthan	39	1868	13	320
23.	Sikkim	2	144	1	30
24.	Tamil Nadu	95	6400	39	992
25.	Tripura	1	50	0	0
26.	Uttar Pradesh	40	3130	16	494
27.	Uttaranchal	7	538	2	90
28.	West Bengal	38	2639	16	406
	TOTAL STATES	843	59738	313	8208
	Union Territories				
1.	A and N Islands	—	—	—	—
2.	Chandigarh	7	736	2	55
3.	Delhi	20	3086	6	179
4.	Pondicherry	4	221	0	0
	TOTAL UTs	31	4043	8	234
	ALL INDIA TOTAL	874	63781	321	8442

New Hydro Power Policy

†*158. **SHRI DATTA MEGHE:** Will the Minister POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to formulate a new policy regarding hydro electric power, in view of the power crisis in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the plan formulated by Government for removal of obstacles in setting up of hydro electric projects in hilly areas, particularly in North-Eastern States, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, etc.; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.